

# ASHTON UNDER HILL PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> January @ 6.30pm in the Green Room, Ashton under Hill

Members and Officers present: Cllr Smith (Chair), Cllr Cope, Cllr Rowley, Cllr Beckett, & Cllr McIntyre

In attendance: Clerk & residents from Long Carrant

1. Apologies: Cllr Hague
2. Declarations of Interest:
  - a) Register of Interests: Councillors are reminded of the need to update their register of interests.
  - b) To declare any Disclosable Pecuniary Interests in items on the agenda and their nature.
  - c) To declare any Other Disclosable Interests in items on the agenda and their nature.
  - d) Written requests for the council to grant a dispensation (S33 of the Localism Act 2011) are to be with the clerk at least four clear days prior to a meeting.

Councillors who have declared a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest, or an Other Disclosable Interest which falls within the terms of paragraph 12(4) (b) of the code of conduct, must leave the room for the relevant items.

Failure to register or declare a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest may result in the commission of a criminal offence.

3. Minutes from November meeting were approved as true and accurate

The time allocated is at the discretion of the council/chairman. Residents are invited to give their views and question the parish council on issues on this agenda, or raise issues for future consideration at the discretion of the chairman. Members of the public may not take part in the parish council meeting itself. This period is not part of the formal meeting; brief notes will be appended to the minutes as an aide memoire.

6.30pm – 7pm. Residents from Long Carrant Park were present to raise concerns over planning application W16/02605. The PC suggested residents write to Wychavon asking for an extension of time.

4. Progress reports
  - a. Social Centre
    - As for November minutes
  - b. Bredon Hill Conservation Group
    - No update, JB will update PC after next meeting
  - c. PACT
    - Nothing to report
  - d. Lengthsman
    - Will be cutting back the verges on Cotton's Lane
  - e. Vehicle Activated Sign
    - Working for longer period since batteries replaced
  - f. Flooding

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- A request was made for further work to be carried out to raise the kerb outside Hollymount to prevent potential future flooding. SS to contact Cllr Hardman

ACTION

SS

## g. Highways

- It was agreed to re-site playing field signage as per the proposal from Cllr Hardman
  - SS to investigate options to resolve the uneven kerb opp The Close gate with Cllr Hardman  
ACTION SS
  - A resident raised has raised the issues of cars (mainly football club) parking on the verge on Elmley Rd at the junction with Playing Field Way and destroying the turf. KR suggested she could write to football club. DC suggested grass could be replaced with tarmac, which would also benefit pedestrians. Sarah to raise with Cllr Hardman  
ACTION SS
  - No response as yet on the increasing dip in the road just past Station House on the bottom of the Groaten  
ACTION
- ME
- Stage 2 (Pub to Church) of the Path repair in due in the next financial year. It was agreed to use the NHB monies for this assuming we can get the village to agree that this is the most appropriate use of the funds.

## h. Trees in the Parish

- Cllr McIntyre has obtained three quotes and was agreed by all that Jonathan Cook offered most professional service and best value at £1,500. Agreed to go ahead immediately for all the work requested.  
ACTION
- Regarding Rails End issue with overhanging trees and poor internet connection, Cllr Rowley to remind them that they should contact Charles Archer regarding this or alternatively, BT.  
ACTION KR

NM

## i. Communications

- Cllr Rowley will be chasing the possible funding for new website through Wychavon  
ACTION
- Cllr Smith has ordered perspex for front of PC noticeboard. Awaiting delivery & then installation  
ACTION SS

KR

## j. Neighbourhood plan

- There has been no positive feedback from the meeting held in November.
- Cllr McIntyre suggested that we could hold a public meeting in Spring and invite a consultant/specialist to explain the NP more fully to residents. There may be a fee for this. Cllr Becket to seek further information  
ACTION
- JB to also seek advice from Cllr Adrian Derby  
ACTION JB

JB

## 5. District and County Councillors' reports:

- None

## 6. Planning

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## Applications approved prior to meeting

- W/16/02304 24 Wood Lane. Approved
- 16/02860 Kingham house. Approved

## Current applications

- 16/02188 Land off Elmley Rd

This land is identified in the SWDP so cannot object per se to building on this land. Most issues raised in previous objections have been addressed. The PC will raise the following and assuming these are addressed will not object.

- In the design and access statement on pg. 35 they state “ this development reflects the needs and aspirations of the community” – for them to know this they should hold a village consultation or similar
- It would be good to see a bias for the current village residents – perhaps a proportion of the properties designated for Parish residents?
- Planting and natural screening, needs to be in place to minimise the impact on the AONB
- The road and footpath within the development must be adopted by Highways for ongoing maintenance – it is not clear in the current proposal that this is the case.

- W16/02605 Long Carrant Park

The PC objected to this application. It was agreed to ask for an extension as well as ask Cllr AD to take the application to committee if planning were mindful to approve.

It was agreed that the chair would write a letter of objection.

**ACTION SS**

## 7. Parish councillor vacancy

- Possible candidate found. Confirm at next meeting

## 8. Finance

a. Proposed budget accepted, and precept set at £17K

b. Bank balances & budget agreed

Current account balance as at 21<sup>st</sup> December 2016 - £10,336.40

Savings account balance as at 21<sup>st</sup> December 2016 - £ 3,317.24

c. The quotation for repairs/removal of trees in the parish was approved

**NM**

**ACTION**

d. Availability of grant from War Memorial Trust

**ACTION ME**

e. Payments approved

S Smith – Notice board & laminator - £ 86.26

Grant Thornton – Audit fees - £ 180.00

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M English	-	£ 402.81
M Cole – Lengthsman	-	£ 94.60
S Hague – mowing	-	£1680.00
Westcotec – battery for VAS	-	£ 192.00

9. Correspondence for Information: To note the attached appendix of items which have been circulated or will be available for inspection at the meeting. (OR a list of items will be available at the meeting.)

- A thank you was received by the Parish Council from The Church Warden for the payment of the grant for this year.

10. Clerk's report on Urgent Decisions since the last meeting.

- Gorse Hill fence. Footpaths committee will not be repairing this. Cllr McIntyre to get quotes to repair or replace. Look at growing some climbing plant on this. **ACTION NM**
- Cllr Hague no longer wishes to undertake verge mowing for village. Alternative quotes to be obtained. **ACTION SH**

11. Councillors' reports and items for future agenda: Councillors may use this opportunity to report minor matters of information not included elsewhere on the agenda and to raise items for future agendas.

- Knotweed update on letter/s sent

12. Date of next meeting: 14<sup>th</sup> March 7pm. Meeting closed 8.20pm

.....(chair)

.....(date)